

*Physical Disabilities
Through the Lifespan*



Minorities and Disabilities

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Problems/Concerns/Issues

- Inadequate availability of qualitative data to understand cultural differences in the disablement process
- Inadequate samples of minority subpopulations in national and state data sets
- Need to understand how disablement process varies by race and ethnicity
- Improving our understanding of factors that contribute to access for health and social services



Research Priorities I

- Obtain qualitative data to understand the richness of the disablement process and how it varies by race and ethnicity (including ethnographic studies and focus groups)
- Collect longitudinal data to track and understand the process of receiving care
- How do cultural factors, socioeconomic status and neighborhood characteristics affect transitions in the disablement process?



Research Priorities II

- What are the underlying factors that contribute to accessing health and social services? Specifically, examine:
 - Cultural competency, including attitudes towards minorities
 - Language barriers
 - Neighborhood effects
 - Rural/urban differences
 - Health beliefs and attitudes